

*Approved as Amended 9/14/16*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Action Minutes  
Meeting Date August 10, 2016

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frances Hartogh   Molly Davis   Kevin Bracy Knight   Tom Isaacson   Curt Brown

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tracy Winfree   Jim Reeder   John Potter   Abbie Poniatowski   Phil Yates  
Lauren Kilcoyne   Luke McKay   Topher Downham   Don D'Amico   Lisa Dierauf  
Mark Gershman   Cole Moffatt   Dave Sutherland   Keri Davies   Leah Case  
Alycia Alexander   Brian Anacker

**GUESTS**

Lesli Ellis – Comprehensive Planning Manager, PHS  
Peggy Bunzli – Executive Budget Officer, Finance  
Devin Billingsley – Budget Analyst, Finance  
Eric Parish – Executive Vice President, MGT

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - Approval of the Minutes (16:00)**

Tom Isaacson moved that the Open Space Board of Trustees approve the minutes from July 27, 2016 as amended. Curt Brown seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Public Participation for Items not Identified for Public Hearing (23:49)**

Austin Lear, Boulder, said prairie dogs are an important part of the ecosystem. He requested that 10 acres of Open Space land be designated for the relocation of the Armory prairie dogs.

Olivia Thompson, Boulder, said Open Space land is needed in order for the Armory prairie dogs to be relocated. She asked the Board to write a letter to City Council with their support for providing land for this purpose.

Carse Pustmueller, Boulder, asked the Board to write a letter to City Council stating their support to relocate the Armory prairie dogs onto Open Space property. If the city does not accept this colony the prairie dogs will be killed, which is unacceptable.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – Review of and recommendation regarding the 2017 Open Space and Mountain Parks Department Operating Budget (33:24)**

Abbie Poniatowski, Central Services Manager, presented this item.

**Public Comment (1:30:50)**

Pat Billig, Boulder, asked about the cost allocation for Open Space expenditures and if purchases such as land acquisitions, which are unique to Open Space, would affect the ratio.

Kirk Cunningham, Sierra Club Boulder County, said Open Space is used by more people than other areas in the city. Boulder Citizens pay taxes specific to Open Space; there needs to be more explanation for why a portion of the Open Space budget is going into the general fund.

James Crain, Littleton, said citizens chose to tax themselves for maintenance of this program and funds should only be used for acquisition, maintenance, and preservation of Open Space. He asked the Board to look at the budget in more detail.

#### **Motion**

**Frances Hartogh moved the Open Space Board of Trustees make the following statement to City Council: the OSBT appreciates the data and other information provided in connection with the calculation of the cost allocation but wishes to express concern over the sudden increase in cost allocation. Future increases may become detrimental to the mission and purpose of the Open Space program. Curt Brown seconded. This motion passed unanimously.**

**Tom Isaacson moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve, and recommend that City Council approve, an appropriation of \$25,331,999 in 2017 for the Open Space and Mountain Parks Operating Budget from the Open Space Fund as outlined in this department memorandum and related attachments. Kevin Bracy Knight seconded. This motion passed four to one; Molly Davis dissented.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 – Matters from Staff (2:09:58)**

Lesli Ellis, Comprehensive Planning Manager, and Mark Gershman, Environmental Planning Supervisor, gave an update on the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan (BVCP) on Initial Policy Edits to Natural Environment Chapter and on CU South Site Suitability assessment process. (2:09:58)

Lisa Dierauf, Outreach, Education and Volunteer Supervisor, gave a presentation on Education and Outreach program inclusion efforts: accessibility brochure release and outreach to the Latino community. (3:11:49)

Mark Gershman, Environmental Planning Supervisor, gave an update on the Blue Line. (3:28:35)

Jim Reeder, Trails and Facilities Manager, gave updates on several trail projects. (3:45:58)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 – Matters from the Board (3:55:10)**

The Board reiterated their concern about the Armory prairie dogs and their hope that the city finds space for their relocation.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.